

COMPLAINT
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
CATOOSA COUNTY, GEORGIA

Case # 2015-J-380

JUVENILE COURT
CATOOSA COUNTY, GA
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| Name (Last, First, Middle) | | Age | Date of Birth | | |
| Singleton, Haley | | 14 | 02/15/2001 | | |
| AKA | | Race | Sex | | |
| | | White | Female | | |
| Lives With | | Residence Phone | Business Phone | | |
| Jennifer Singleton | | 407-230-8968 | | | |
| Child's Address (Street) | (Apt. #) | (City) | (County) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 12 Dogwood Drive | | Fort Oglethorpe | Catoosa | GA | 30742 |
| Mother's Name (Include Mother's Maiden Name in Parenthesis) | | | Residence Phone | Business Phone | |
| Jennifer Singleton | | | 407-230-8968 | | |
| Mother's Address (Street) | (Apt. #) | (City) | (County) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 12 Dogwood Drive | | Fort Oglethorpe | Catoosa | GA | 30742 |
| Father's Name | | | Residence Phone | Business Phone | |
| Father's Address (Street) | (Apt #) | (City) | (County) | (State) | (Zip) |
| Legal Custodian's Name | | | Residence Phone | Business Phone | |
| Jennifer Singleton | | | 407-230-8968 | | |
| Custodian's Address (Street) | (Apt #) | (City) | (County) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 12 Dogwood Drive | | Fort Oglethorpe | Catoosa | GA | 30742 |
| Complaint | Code Section | Misd / Fel. | Date of Offense | | |
| Dependency | 15-11-2(8) | | | | |
| Complaint | | | | | |
| Complaint | | | | | |
| Taken into Custody By Whom (Name) | | | Agency | | |
| Yes () No () | | | | | |
| Kirbi Baldridge DFCS | | | | | |
| Placement of Deprived Children | | | Date | Time | |
| Person Notified By | | | Date | Time | |
| Detained Yes () No () | | | Date | Time | |
| Place Detained | | | | | |
| Authorized By | | | | | |

| Released To | Relation | Date | Time |
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| Co-Perpetrators (Names and ages) | | | |
| Co-Perpetrators (Names and ages) | | | |
| Victim's Name and Address | | Phone # | |

09/04/2015 3:30pm:

Case Manager Kirbi Baldridge made an announced school visit to Lakeview Middle School at the request of School Counselor John Travillian. Case Manager met with Mr. Travillian regarding Haley Singleton. Mr. Travillian stated that Case Manager Caleb Fischer had met with the child earlier that day. He stated that the child did not really speak to Case Manager Fischer regarding what had happened. Mr. Travillian stated that he had been absent Monday and Tuesday that week. He received a phone call from Ms. Jennifer Singleton on Wednesday. He stated that this phone call was "weird" and he felt as if Ms. Singleton was trying to "discredit" Haley. He stated that Ms. Singleton had said that Haley had been in an altercation with her younger brothers. Mr. Travillian stated that he felt that Ms. Singleton was laying "the foundation" for the next few days. He stated that he spoke to Haley and she did not disclose any abuse at this time, however when he asked about her getting into an altercation with her brothers Haley paused and said "I haven't been in a fight with my brothers". Mr. Travillian stated that at this time he did not see a bruise on Haley's eye because she is an emotional child and when she cries she becomes blotchy. He stated that the teacher brought it to his attention later that afternoon. He stated that he then spoke with Haley Friday morning and when he observed the bruise he made the report to DFCS. Mr. Travillian stated that when Case Manager Fischer arrived at the school to speak with Haley, she felt betrayed and would not tell Case Manager Fischer what had happened. However, after Case Manager Fischer left, Mr. Travillian spoke with Haley again and she then disclosed that she was afraid to go home.

At the request of Mr. Travillian, Case Manager Baldridge arrived at the middle school at 3:30pm. Case Manager Baldridge spoke with Haley, who was not happy that Case Manager Baldridge was there. After speaking with Case Manager Baldridge and Mr. Travillian the child disclosed that she had gotten into an altercation with her mother and grandmother. She stated that they had "ganged up on her" and that is how she received the bruises on her right arm and right eye. The child would not go into detail about what had happened at that time. Haley stated that she had another bruise on her breast but it was "private" and she preferred not to show Case Manager Baldridge.

Case Manager Baldridge then contacted Fort Oglethorpe Detective Steve Blevins regarding this case. Detective Blevins arrived at the school. Mr. Travillian had contacted Ms. Jennifer Singleton and explained the child had missed the bus. Ms. Singleton agreed to come to the school to get the child. Approximately 10 minutes later Mrs. Cheryl Gill, maternal grandmother of the child, arrived at the school. Mr. Travillian introduced Case Manager Baldridge and Detective Blevins to Mrs. Gill. Mrs. Gill then explained how she felt that Haley had received the bruise above her eye. She stated that when Haley goes into one of "her fits" she has to be restrained. Haley will go into one of these "fits" anytime anything doesn't go her way. She stated that she and her husband and Ms. Singleton had to restrain her the previous Saturday due to her attacking Mr. Gill who is fully disabled. She stated that Haley was upset because she didn't want to put her shoes on. She stated that after her mother left she was fine. Ms. Jennifer Singleton arrived at Lakeview Middle School around 4:30pm. Case Manager Baldridge and Detective Blevins spoke privately with Ms. Singleton, who appeared to not be taking the situation seriously. Ms. Singleton then stated that once Haley gets to her "bitch level" there is no stopping how she acts and she has to be restrained. She stated that that is possibly how she received the black eye because she had been fighting with her brother on the previous Friday. She stated that Friday, Haley was

upset because she had picked dishes as her chore for the week. Due to the family having company come over for dinner, Haley only had to wash the dishes and her brother would dry and put them away. Ms. Singleton stated that the entire time Haley was being verbally abusive to her brother. She stated that she had then put Haley in the corner. Ms. Singleton stated that the other brother had come into the home and hit Haley with the door in the buttocks area. Ms. Singleton stated that Haley had a "big butt so it didn't hurt her". After this Haley just went crazy and Ms. Singleton had to restrain her. She stated that she had the whole thing on video on her phone. Case Manager Baldridge and Detective Blevins then observed this video. The video was dark and all that was seen was Ms. Singleton sitting on Haley while Haley was screaming for Ms. Singleton to stop. Ms. Singleton did not stop after the multiple times that Haley asked her to. Ms. Singleton also said something in the video while she was lecturing Haley about "a dumbass kid". Ms. Singleton stated that anytime Haley starts to act this way her sons "know to go get the camera". Ms. Singleton then went on to say that Haley had been restrained the following day, Saturday, at her mother's home. She stated that she and Ms. Gill had restrained Haley for hitting and kicking her brothers and pitching on of her fits.

Ms. Singleton stated that Haley had been in 6 residential facilities and that she had not been officially diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder. Haley had been suicidal, which is why she had been in the residential facilities. Ms. Singleton stated that she would put Haley back into a residential facility if their insurance hadn't run out. She stated that Haley wasn't receiving counseling for this same reason. When Case Manager Baldridge asked if Ms. Singleton was willing to seek counseling for Haley she stated there was no point because it didn't make a difference. MS. Singleton stated that she feels bad that her other children have to endure this. Ms. Singleton said Haley is "exactly like (her) ex-husband", who set the home in Florida on fire and physically abused Haley.

Case Manager Baldridge and Detective Blevins spoke with Haley privately once again. Haley stated that her mother and brothers would antagonize her and then when she became so upset they would video tape her. She stated that when she was in counseling her counselors taught her coping techniques which included journaling, drawing, walking away, and deep breathing. Haley stated that deep breathing doesn't work for her, but her mother had taken her drawing, journaling and walking away privileges away. Case Manager Baldridge then inquired about how she got the black eye. Haley stated that her mother and brothers were restraining her on Sunday and she had been covering her face with her arms and her mother reached under her arms and punched her in the eye.

Due to the inconsistencies in each individuals story Case Manager Baldridge felt that the child would not be safe going home. Detective Blevins felt the same way. Case Manager Baldridge asked Ms. Singleton if there was a family member other than Ms. Gill that the child could stay with. She stated that her mother was the only other person she had. Once Case Manager Baldridge explained that the child could not go there, Ms. Singleton became defensive and told Case Manager Baldridge "just take her into foster care. I am fed up with her".

At this point, Case Manager Baldridge contacted Social Services Supervisor Rebecca Wilson and explained the situation. Social Services Supervisor Wilson gave Case Manager Baldridge permission to contact Catoosa County SAAG Matt Bowers. Case Manager staffed this case with SAAG Bowers, who requested custody of the child. Custody was granted at 6:28pm. Case Manager Baldridge then transported the child to the DFCS office. The child was then transported to her placement at the Cherokee Estate in Whitfield County.

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Give Complete Details of Offense(s) or Complaints and Apprehension.

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| Investigating Officer: | Agency P. D. Report E | Phone # |
| Complainant's Name: <u>Kirbi Baldridge</u> | Complainant's Address Catoosa County DFCS 700 City Hall Drive Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742 | |
| Signature: <u>Kirbi Baldridge</u> Date: <u>9/8/15</u> | Phone: 706-866-1740 | |

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this
8th day of Sept., 2015.

Laney Burn

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/31/16